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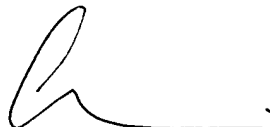
Therefore, there would be no serious burden on the Examiner to examine groups I-III together in the subject application. Hence, the Examiner must examine these groups on the merits.

In view of the foregoing, applicants maintain that restriction is not proper under 35 U.S.C. §121 and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction.

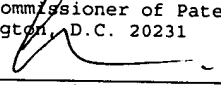
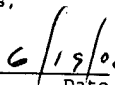
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$720.00 extension fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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